

ANNEX H

LAW ENFORCEMENT EMERGENCIES INVOLVING INJURY OR DEATH

I. Purpose

To define responsibilities and service delivery in rapidly evolving situations that involves reported death or serious injury requiring both a law enforcement and fire department response / EMS.

II. Responsibility

1. In all matters that require a law enforcement and fire department / EMS response law enforcement officials must first declare the scene safe before providing aid to victims. This means that a suspect is in the custody and control of law enforcement personnel or that the suspect has fled the scene and no longer presents a further threat to victims, civilians and emergency personnel. In all situations the threat must be declared over before emergency personnel will be permitted to treat victims. (i. e. active shooter, hostage or barricaded suspect, undetonated bomb)
2. Once the scene is declared safe fire department emergency personnel shall promptly treat and remove the victims or, if necessary, remove the victims for treatment in a safe location. The treatment and triage of victims is done under the authority and direction of the fire department / EMS.
3. Mass casualty events associated with natural causes or as a result of acts of terrorism shall become the exclusive control of the Fire Chief or his designee once the threat is abated or ceases to actively exist. (i.e. Water source contamination, germ warfare, biohazard attack)

III. Equipment Staging

1. Responding fire department / EMS equipment should coordinate staging with law enforcement officers on the scene. Equipment staging should never take place on the same street as the incident.
2. Law enforcement personnel should summon responding emergency fire department personnel as soon as possible once the scene is declared safe.

IV. Authentication

Date

Chief of Police